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AT MEXICO CITY

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SUMMARY: GCOB MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, PAUL L. ADDERLEY, HAS PUBLISHED AN OFTEN ACERBIC COMMENTARY ON THE MEXICO CITY MFM IN THE MIAMI HERALD, DATED MARCH 3, 1974. ENTIRE ARTICLE POUCHED ARA/CAR. END SUMMARY.

- 1. MINISTER ADDERLEY BEGAN ARTICLE BY SAYING HE WENT TO MEXICO CITY "WITH AS OPEN A MIND AS IS POSSIBLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES". HE BASED BAHAMIAN "APPREHENSION" ON THE NATION'S NEWNESS TO THE WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND THE FACT THAT ITS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN CONFERENCES HAD BEEN LIMITED TO CONSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS WITH THE UK WHOSE "ADMINISTRATIVE TIDINESS" THE LATINS WOULD NOT SHARE.
- 2. AFTER THE FIRST TWO DAYS IN MEXICO CITY, ADDERLEY ASSERTED, "I DECIDED I KNOW WHY THE WORLD AND ITS YOUTH IN PARTICULAR HAVE BEEN SO FRUSTRATED BY ITS LEADERSHIP, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SO FULL OF POMP, PRETENSION AND POWER...THE CONCEPT

OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMAT IS THE PRODUCT OF MORE LEISURELY DAYS WHEN A BALANCE OF POWER WAS MAINTAINED IN THE WORLD BY COURTEOUS GENTLEMEN WHO ENFORCED THEIR NATIONS' WILLS ON WEAKER NATIONS WHO ACCEPTED THIS RELUCTANTLY BUT EQUALLY AS COURTEOUSLY." ADDERLEY SUGGESTED THAT COURTESY HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH PRAGMATISM AND THAT "BISMARCK WOULD HAVE BEEN QUITE AT HOME IN MEXICO CITY WITH ALL THE ILLUSIONS AND REALITIES OF POLITICS".

- 3. ADDERLEY NOTED THAT, WITH EXCEPTION OF GUYANA AND THE BAHAMAS, ALL MEXICO CITY PARTICIPANTS WERE MEMBERS OF THAT AUGUST DEFENDER OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE", THE OAS. SCOFFING AT "THE LACK OF LOGIC WHICH CATEGORIZES THE STATES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AS LATIN AMERICA EXCEPT CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES" ADDERLEY SAID THAT NEVERTHELESS IT WAS NOT GUYANA OR THE BAHAMAS WHICH HAD REQUESTED THAT THE MEETING BE HELD OUTSIDE THE OAS FRAMEWORK. ADDERLEY SUGGESTED THAT HOLDING A MEETING OF OAS MEMBERS OUTSIDE THE OAS AEGIS WAS THE KIND OF "SIGNIFICANT PHILOSOPHICAL POINT OF WHICH THE LATIN AMERICAN TEMPERAMENT IS INFINITELY CAPABLE." THIS SUBTLETY HAS CREATED THE "SUCCESSFUL ILLUSION" OF AN IMPOTENT OAS," ADDERLEY SAID, AN ILLUSION WHICH BY BEING UNIFORMLY SHARED COULD BECOME REAL.
- 4. DISCUSSING "THE LATIN AMERICAN SIDE OF THE DAILOGUE." ADDERLEY SAID THAT THE LATINS STRESSED THE SOVERIEGN EQUALITY AND INTERDEPENDENCE OF STATES BUT IGNORED "THE INEQUALITIES OF INTERDEPENDENCE WHICH THE REALITIES OF THE WORLD IMPOSE, AS WELL AS THE INEQUALITIES OF LIMITATIONS UPON SOVERIGNITY WHICH UNEOUAL DEPEDENCE CREATES". HOW, ADDERLEY ASKED, COULD THE US "WITH THE BEST WILL IN THE WORLD" IGNORE THE REALITIES OF ITS SIZE, CAPACITY AND GLOBAL COMMITMENTS, HOW COULD IT FORGET THAT A US MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION IN GERMANY OR JAPAN "OUGHT TO" HAVE THE SAME ACESS TO US MARKETS AS A US MULTINATIONAL IN BRAZIL? HOW COULD THE US FORGET THAT SOME OF ITS DOMESTIC TRADE UNIONS HAVE MORE MEMBERS THAN THE ENTIRE POPULATIONS OF SOME LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN NATIONS? "BUT, IN ALL THIS, THE ILLUSIONS REMAIN MORE PALATABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THE REALITIES, AS THE LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATION OF AGREEMENT CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND IN PLATITUDES."

5. ADDERLEY ALSO SAID THE DIVORCE BETWEEN ILLUSION AND REALITY COULD BE FOUND AT MEXICO CITY IN THE SITUATION IN WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER, THROUGH NO FAULT OF HIS OWN, WAS UNABLE TO COMMIT THE US TO MEASURES CONCERNING TRADE PRACTICES AND RESTRICTIONS WHILE SENATOR MANSFIELD AND

SPEAKER ALBERT, WHO COULD SPEAK MORE AUTHORITATIVELY ON MEASURES REQUIRING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, SAT "THERE IN MEXICO ALMOST IGNORED AND UNRECOGNIZED BY SOME."

ADDERLEY MENTIONED THE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE TERMINOLOGY OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE COMMUNITY VERSUS INTER AMERICAN SOLIDARITY AND INTER AMERICAN SYSTEM AND SAID THAT, "PERHAPS THE EXPERTS IN SEMANTICS CAN FIND A REAL, NOT AN ILLUSORY DIFFERENCE HERE, BUT I CANNOT." ADDERLEY SUGGESTED THAT THIS CONTROVERSY OVER LANGUAGE WAS THE FAULT OF LATINS "WHO OFTEN PREFER POETIC RHETORIC TO REALITIES."; BUT, ADDERLEY CONCLUDED, "WHATEVER MAY BE THE REAL, NOT THE APPARENT, INTENTIONS OF ALL THE PARTICIPANTS OF TLATELOCO, THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE OR INTER AMERICA, WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO CALL IT, HAS EMBARKED ON A NEW COURSE BOUND TO CREATE NEW REALITIES FOR ALL ITS NATIONS".

6. COMMENT: ADDERLEY'S SUBSTANTIVE VIEWS AS EXPRESSED ABOVE CONFORM TO THOSE GIVEN PRIVATELY TO AMBASSADOR AND POLITICAL OFFICER AND REPORTED REFTEL BEFORE ADDERLEY LEFT FOR MEXICO CITY. IT APPEARS THAT ADDERLEY'S NORMALLY ALOOF STANCE HAS, IF ANYTHING, BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE MFM AND HIS PERSONAL RELUCTANCE TO RUSH INTO CLOSER RELATIONSHIPS WITH EITHER THE LATINS OR CARIBBEAN NATIONS COULD BECOME EVEN MORE PRONOUNCED.

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